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Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Welcome to Our Lady of the Gulf,

A parish church is a spiritual family, a fellowship of disciples of Jesus Christ. Every Christian is called, through Baptism, to follow Jesus Christ by worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth, by loving one another, by proclaiming the Gospel, and by serving those in need. We hope this welcome packet will give you a glance of how we do these things here at Our Lady of the Gulf.

We live in a privileged moment in the history of the Church; this is the time of the *New Evangelization* — the urgent work of preaching the Gospel, reforming the Church, and renewing human civilization. Pope Francis invites every human person to share in this work by answering the question posed by Jesus to the Apostles on the road to Caesarea Philippi, **“Who do you say that I am?”** (MT 16:15). This is *the* fundamental question of every human life, and if we are to find the happiness for which God created us, we must each confess with St. Peter: **“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”** (MT 16:16).

From the moment we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we become his students, his disciples, and his brothers and sisters. The whole of Christian life consists of learning the cost of discipleship by constant conversion from sin to living in the obedience of faith. We are not our own; we have been purchased at a great price by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Each year as the pastor of a Catholic school I urge parents to get involved. I would tell them that if they drop their children off and speed away, we would do our best to educate and form them, but they were cheating their children. The same can be said of a parish. If you begrudgingly give the Father 45 minutes a week and rush out after communion “to beat the crowd,” then you are cheating yourselves. That “crowd” is the spiritual family of which you are an important part. The more you get involved with the parish, the more you will get of your experience.

Supported by the prayers of our patroness, St. Mary under her title of Our Lady of the Gulf, and guided by the example of her perfect obedience to the Word of God, may we all strive to live by faith, hope, and love as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

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Parishioner Registration Form

Family ID #: _____ Donations: Envelopes Online Check Today's Date: ____/____/____

Family Name:

Head of Household: Last: _____ First: _____ Title: _____ Suffix _____

Spouse: Last: _____ First: _____ Title: _____ Suffix _____

Address(es) Same as Head of Household? Yes - skip to next section

Street Address 1 _____ Street City/State _____

Street Address 2 _____ Street ZIP _____

Geo Area # _____ Joined Parish ____/____/____ Family Status: _____

Home Phone _____ Primary Email _____

Mailing Address Same as Street _____

Mailing City / State _____ Mailing ZIP _____

Alternate Address Information (Seasonal Parishioner)

Use this address from Month: ____/____/____ to Month: ____/____/____

Alternate Address Line 1: _____

Alternate City & ST: _____ Alternate Zip: _____

Member Information: Relationship: Head Spouse Son Daughter Other _____

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Title: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____ Maiden: _____

Personal Information: I Prefer to be contacted by: Phone Text Email Regular Mail

Phone: _____ Text Email: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Birthplace: _____

Gender: _____ Father: _____

Marital Status: _____ Mother (Maiden): _____

Language: _____ Baptism ____/____/____ at _____

Ethnicity: _____ Confirmation ____/____/____ at _____

Religion: _____ Marriage ____/____/____ at _____

Disability: _____ First Communion ____/____/____ at _____

Occupation: _____ Reconciliation ____/____/____ at _____

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Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____
Title: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____ Maiden: _____
Personal Information: I Prefer to be contacted by: Phone Text Email Regular Mail
Phone: _____ Text Email: _____
Birthdate: ____/____/____ Birthplace: _____
Gender: _____ Father: _____
Marital Status: _____ Mother (Maiden): _____
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For additional family members, feel free to copy this form or pick up additional forms in the office



Opportunities to get involved and help others!

Altar Rosary

The Altar Rosary Society provides opportunities for spiritual growth, social gatherings, and service to the parish. All women of the parish are encouraged to join.

Contact: Mary Jo Schwaiger 251-979-4927 AltarRosary@olgal.org

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the presiding priest at the sacred liturgy.

Contact: (Adults) Frances Brennan 251-968-7855 AdultServers@olgal.org

(Children/Youth) Maria Michael YouthServers@olgal.org

251-978-1280

Bakers

Bakers make bread, cookies, bars and pies for meetings, funerals and other social gatherings of the parish.

Contact: Parish office, 251-968-7062; Office@olgal.org

Catholic Charities

Help organize, collect and count donations during annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

Contact: Parish office, 251-968-7062; Office@olgal.org

Communion Minister

Ministers of Holy Communion assist the clergy in the preparation for and distribution of Holy Communion. They sometimes take Holy Communion to people who are unable to attend Mass.

Contact: Carol Stueber 251-949-6124 EMHC@olgal.org

CRoEd

Become a catechist or catechist's aide, a substitute catechist or just volunteer to help with special events such as the All Saints Day Party or field trips.

Contact: Suzette Taylor, 251-968-7062; CRoEd@olgal.org

Hospitality/Bereavement Committee

Take turns helping with parish events (dinners, picnics, social gatherings). Also provide a fellowship meal following funeral services for families who request it. All parishioners are invited to work on the committee or volunteer to work at an event.

Contact: Parish office, 251-968-7062; Office@olgal.org

Knights of Columbus *The Philip A. Lambert Council meets at Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Gulf Shores at 308 East 22nd Avenue.*

Contact: James Yaskowich 205-332-0497 JamesYascowich@kofc.org

Lector

Lectors proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass.

Contact: Mary Evans 251-968-7746 YouthLectors@gulftel.com (Weekend Masses) or Anne Connolly 251-968-7039 Lectors@olgal.org (Weekday Masses)

Money Counters

Money Counters count the weekend collection on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM and at parish events if necessary.

Contact: Parish office, 251-968-7062; Office@olgal.org

Office Volunteers

Office Volunteers assist the parish office by answering phones, stuffing bulletins, preparing mailings, and other clerical tasks.

Contact: Parish office, 251-968-7062; Office@olgal.org

OLG Teen Youth Group

Join the Core Team, chaperone field trips, prepare meals and more for our high school youth group.

Contact: Philip Wiese, 251-968-7062; Teen@olgal.org

Respect Life Team

Volunteer to drive, visit, bring meals, and pick up medicine for, etc. parishioners in need. Attend occasional, optional Archdiocesan events to find out more about respect life efforts.

Contact: Parish office, 251-968-7062; RespectLife@olgal.org

Usher

Ushers welcome parishioners and visitors, answer general questions, and distribute information as requested. Ushers also help collect the weekly offering.

Contact: Bob Higgins, 251-752-2274; Ushers@olgal.org

If you have an idea for a ministry that you would like to discuss, please contact the Parish office, 251-968-7062; Office@olgal.org

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